

HIV/AIDS Profile: Laos

Demographic Indicators

Population (1,000s)	5,497	Growth Rate (%)	2.5
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000)		Life Expectancy	
Both Sexes	95	Both Sexes	53
Male	106	Male	51
Female	84	Female	55
Crude Birth Rate (per 1,000)	38	Crude Death Rate (per 1,000)	13
Percent Urban	17	Total Fertility Rate	5.2
Note: Above indicators are for 2000.			

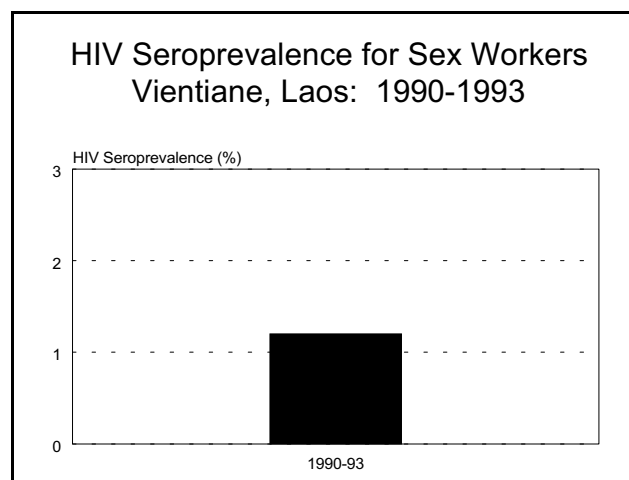
Estimated % of adults living with HIV/AIDS, end 1999	0.1 %		
Cumulative AIDS rate (per 1,000) as of 3/20/98	0.02		
Cumulative AIDS cases as of 3/20/98	91		
Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Reference Bureau, UNAIDS, World Health Organization.			

Epidemiological Data

Epidemic State: Low

There is almost no information regarding the HIV epidemic in the Lao People's Democratic Republic (Laos). What is available is from the early 1990s and suggests that HIV had not gained a foothold in high-risk groups.

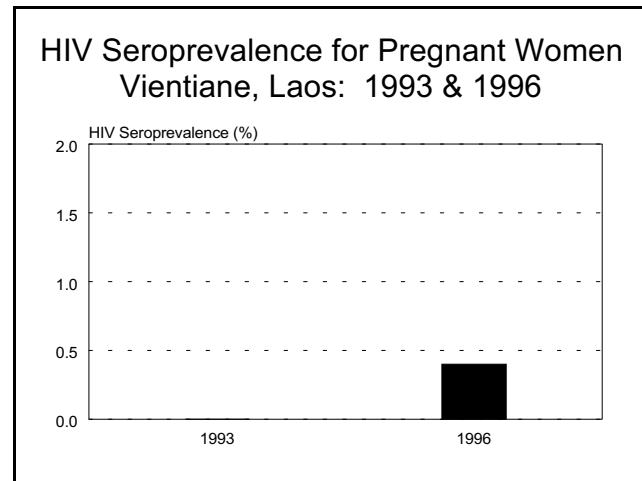
- A study conducted among commercial sex workers from January 1990 through April 1993 in Vientiane, the capital, found a prevalence level of 1 percent.



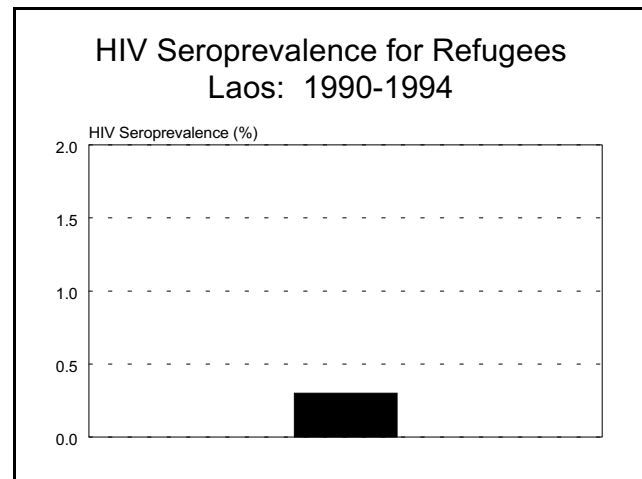
Source: International Programs Center, Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau, HIV/AIDS Surveillance Data Base, June 2000.

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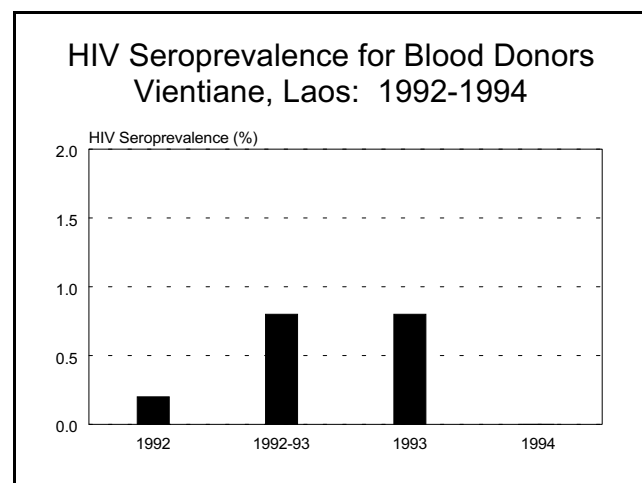
- HIV seroprevalence increased slightly between 1993 and 1996 among pregnant women in Vientiane. No evidence of infection was found in 1993. However, among pregnant women attending a government run antenatal clinic in 1996, just under one-half of 1 percent were HIV positive.



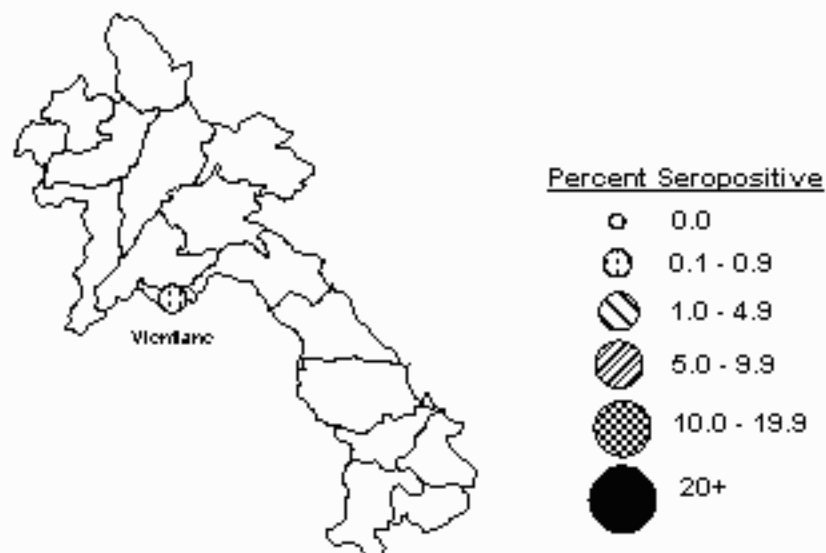
- HIV seroprevalence among refugees in Laos during 1990-1994 was 0.3 percent.



- HIV seroprevalence went from 0.2 percent to nearly 1 percent among blood donors tested during 1992-1993 in Vientiane. However, in 1994, there was no evidence of infection among donors tested at the Central Blood Bank. The majority of those tested in 1994 were paid donors.



Seroprevalence of HIV-1 for Pregnant Women Laos: 1996



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